

## **DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY**

Delta Chi Chapter at Cornell University  
Office of the Alumni Historian

### **Report of the Alumni Historian, 2013 CENSORED**

Submitted to the officers of the DELTA CHI ASSOCIATION, INC., and to the representatives of DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, INC., present at the Annual Business Meeting convened on Saturday, 8 June 2013, at the Deke House, 13 South Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850. CENSORED EDITION PER DIRECTION OF THE ΔXA BOARD.

1. **Scope.** The Alumni Historian conducts activities aimed at recording the history of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and preserving the chapter's documentary and architectural artifacts.
2. **Fiscal Year 2012-13 Activities.** Efforts to support the organization during the past year are summarized below.
  - Publications. The following material was published in the Delta Kappa Epsilon History
    - Additions in order of publication.
      - ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #17: Chapter Letters (ΔKE Quarterly)  
07-May-2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33213>
      - ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #39: The Jack Wieser Photograph  
07-May-2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33214>
      - ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #23: Delta Chi Association Organization and Leadership  
08 May 2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33216>
      - ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #25: Composite Chapter Photographs, ΔX of ΔKE, Nineteen-fifties  
09 May 2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33217>
      - ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #14: Scholastic Performance in the Post-WWII Deke House  
31 May 2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33353>
      - ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #22: Chapter Finances, 1950-69  
31 May 2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33354>
      - Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 2013  
03 Jun 2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33357>
    - Revisions of previously released studies.
      - ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #12: Registry of Distinguished Members  
13-Apr-2013 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3257> (3rd Revision)
    - New ΔX of ΔKE Research Notes.
      - Note #46: ΔKE Alumni Dinner at the Algonquin Hotel, 1976
      - Note #47: Room Assignments 1966-67 to 1969-70

Note #48: Cornell Dekes and the Cornell Widow

Note #49: Contact Data for Deke History Program

See *Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 2013*, Appendix E (ΔX History Program—Unpublished Research Notes), for a complete list of forty-nine Research Notes. These frequently updated documents are available to any member of Delta Kappa Epsilon upon request to the Alumni Historian.

- Work in Progress.

Chapter VIII (1950-69) of *The Deke House at Cornell –A Concise History of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon* is about half-finished and will be appended to the 2012 edition when complete. <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3235>

ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #24: Spring Weekend 1966, ΔKE House Party Photograph.

- The History Program provided photography and information assistance to Professor Emeritus Howard Chase Howland for the **Campus Artifacts, Art & Memorabilia Collection** project that he is championing.

*Cornell Alumni Magazine*, March / April 2013: “Cornelliana: Memory Lane —Emeritus professor puts Cornell history online.”

Campus Artifacts, Art & Memorabilia collection. <http://artifactsandart.library.cornell.edu/>

- The Alumni Historian drafted and staffed a letter signed by the Alumni of Cornell Chapters of ΖΨ, ΚΑ, ΧΦ, ΑΔΦ and ΔΚΕ to Cornell University President David J. Skorton on 11 July 2012 requesting consideration of two matters affecting pledging.
  - The naming of our pledge programs that prescribe the period of provisional membership beginning with the issuance of a bid to join our respective memberships and concluding with the commencement of our induction (initiation) ceremonies; and
  - Control of the duration of our pledge programs and the scheduling of initiation.

President Skorton responded negatively to these requests (E-mail, Mon 7/23/2012 8:29 AM). See Appendix I.

- The Alumni Historian drafted and staffed a letter by Randall Lewis Ochs '13, President, Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Cornell University, Inc., and N. Lindsley Davidson, Jr. '71, President, Delta Chi Association, Inc., to Cornell University Dean of Students Kent Lovering Hubbell on 28 October 2012 requesting the University “put in place a system to promptly inform the leadership of our undergraduate and alumni organizations whenever a violation of the Campus Code of Conduct involving members of our fraternity takes place.”

The University did not respond to this request. See Appendix J.

- Inquiries were launched regarding two losses to the Brotherhood.

#1,079 Robert Allan “Bob” Dinnie, Cornell Class of 1968

b. 14-Feb-1946, i. 6-May-1967, d. 12-Feb-2013, SSN: no result, age: 66

#1,075 Donald Henry Schwartz, Jr., Cornell Class of 1965

b. 17-Jun-1943, i. 30-Apr-1966, d. 11-Feb-2007, SSN: 158-40-9237 age: 63

### 3. Report of the Chairman, Aviators Memorial Committee.

Brother Daniel Dube 1980, CAPT USN (Ret)  
Chairman, Aviators Memorial Committee

The committee executed the final steps of the board's resolution for "a suitable memorial for brothers lost in military aviation mishaps" with the delivery of a bronze tablet on February 19, 2013. All that remains is the dedication ceremony, which was targeted for the spring semester but has been postponed until the fall term.

The tablet honors ten men of diverse military branches, including some with ranks/designations/branches that no longer exist – necessitating some ambitious research by the committee secretary with the Canadian National Defense Ministry, Emil Buhler Naval Aviation Library, Marine Corps History Division, USAF Historical Research Agency; and various resources such as POW/MIA network databases.

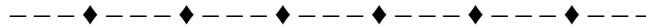
The inscription follows:

DELTA CHI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON  
MILITARY AVIATORS  
KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Gwendell Barden Newman '16, 1stLT USMC  
Clayton Caskey Ingersoll '18, 1LT USASC (AV)  
Archibald Cyrus Edson Gregory '19, LT RFC  
John Talman Whiting, Jr. '41, 1LT USAAF  
William Hunt Eisenman, Jr. '43, 2LT USAAF  
George Frederick Hewitt III '43, ENS USNR  
Edward Livingston Feakes '49, 1LT USAF  
St. Clair McKelway, Jr. '52, 1LT USAFR  
Frederick Ernest Weicker, Jr. '55, LTJG USNR  
Gordon Samuel Perisho '61, LCDR USN

The tablet was procured from International Bronze Plaque Manufacturers & Designers Ltd, of Albertson NY. The price elevated from the \$495 estimate cited at the 2012 board meeting to \$1,939 due to the following reason: the size increased from 18" x 12" to 32" x 26" to (a) complement the adjacent NYC Deke Club photo montage on the wall of the refectory / dining room and (b) increase the plaque's legibility from a distance. The board authorized the increase on December 8, 2012.

The forthcoming dedication ceremony has generated strong interest from University officials and Commanding Officers of Cornell ROTC units.



In 2011 the Board of the Delta Chi Association passed a resolution to investigate "a suitable memorial for brothers lost in military aviation mishaps" and commissioned a committee of eleven brothers having post-Vietnam War military experience. Further details can be found in:

- (1) Report of the Alumni Historian, 2011, Appendix B (Proposed Resolutions by the Alumni Historian), Formation of a Committee to Consider a Memorial to Those Brothers Lost in Military Aviation Mishaps, pp. 10-11. <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/22956>

(2)  $\Delta X$  of  $\Delta KE$  Research Note #25: Deke Aviation Losses, Military.

(3) Report of the Alumni Historian, 2012, Appendix E (Delta Chi Deke Aviation Fatalities, Revised 9 April 2012). <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/29011>

#### 4. Report of the Secretary, Clifton Beckwith Brown Tablet Committee.

The 1899 Clifton Beckwith Brown Memorial Tablet was re-mounted in the foyer of East Sibley Hall. This concluded an effort that was originally proposed in 1989 by the Alumni Historian, furthered by Brother Donald Alford Weadon, Jr. '67, and raised again, this time with ultimate success, in June 2011.



See  *$\Delta X$  of  $\Delta KE$  Research Note #35: CBB Committee Notes and Message Log* for the complete story of how this was accomplished. The “CBB Committee” that supervised this work was comprised of the following.

- Matthew J. Conway, Registrar, Johnson Museum of Art;
- Elaine D. Engst, Director, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections & University Archivist; and
- Michael Andrew Tomlan, Professor and Director, Historic Preservation Planning Program.

Thanks also to Kent Kleinman, Gale and Ira Drukier Dean of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and to Lyn C. Pohl, Administrative Manager, Dean Kleinman's Office. R/S, HWF

#### 5. Plans for Fiscal Year 2013-14 Activities.

- The Alumni Historian has submitted three Resolutions for a vote by the Board of the Delta Chi Association. See Appendix D (CENSORED).
- A collection of research papers will be sent to the Cornell University Library for inclusion in Collection 37-4-1535.
- Chapter VIII (1950 to 1969) of *The Deke House at Cornell –A Concise History of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon*, will be completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. William Fogle, Jr.  
Alumni Historian,  $\Delta X$  of  $\Delta KE$

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**Appendix A — Chapter Data**

Chapter Officers

<b>Chapter Officers, Delta Chi of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fall Term, 2013</b>			
<b>DX #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>CY</b>	<b>Office</b>
1787	George James Steffani	2015	President, Beta
1777	Tyler Brian Fugere	2015	V.P., House Manager, Sigma
1729	Nakul Beri	2014	Treasurer, Kappa
1800	James Daniel Markiewicz	2016	Steward, Delta
1743	Christopher Lewis Leyen	2013	Resident Advisor

Schedule of Charges and Utilization

<b>ΔX Chapter of ΔKE Schedule of Charges &amp; Utilization Semester Basis</b>						
Service	User	Budget Line	Spring 2013		Fall 2013	
			Charge	Count	Charge	Count
Lodging (room)	members	4601	\$3,600	35	\$3,600	29
	non-members		\$3,600	0	\$3,600	0
Board	resident	4001	1,800	35	1,850	29
	non-resident	4003	900	21	925	22
	new members	4006	1,750	17	1,800	5 (Projected Number of Pledges)
Parlor Fee	members	4603	300	21	315	22
Chapter Dues	old members	4501	600	56	600	51
	new members	4503	475	17	450	5 (Projected Number of Pledges)
Social Fee	members	4502	450	56 (Not Including Pledges)	450	51 (Not Including Pledges)
Security Deposit	any	2601	350	3 (New Brothers Initiated FA'12)	350	17 (New Brothers Initiated SP'13)

Data per N. Beri e-mail, Sun 5/26/2013 10:06 PM.

## Appendix B — Delta Chi Association Board Data

### Board of Directors, Delta Chi Association (As of May 2013)

DX #	Name	CY	CU ID	Term	Office
x1059	Eugene Freeman Pierce	1967		Expires 2013	
1081	William Sidney Houck	1970		Expires 2013	Secretary
1201	Mark [nmn] St. Marie	1979	ms764	Expires 2013	
1541	Ryan Lee Zimmerman	1997		Expires 2013	
1080	Homer William Fogle, Jr.	1970	hwf5	Expires 2014	Alumni Historian
1093	Norman Lindsley Davidson, Jr.	1971	nld1	Expires 2014	Chairman & President
1229	Joseph Arthur Grzyb	1981		Expires 2014	
1582	Matthew Todd Hyland	2001	mth14	Expires 2014	
1095	Franklin Thomas Pinter	1971		Expires 2015	Treasurer
1115	Robert Charles Platt	1973		Expires 2015	
1635	Brendan Eckhardt O’Gorman	2003	beo4	Expires 2015	
1516	Eric Edward Neumann	1996	een1	Expires TBD	
1618	Philip Hathaway Rohrbacher	2004	phr2	Expires TBD	
1693	Kamaljeet Kevin Singh	2010	ks427	Expires TBD	
861	Thomas Clark Borthwick	1951		Emeritus	non-voting
911	Robert Louis Malatesta	1955		Emeritus	non-voting
1040	George [nmn] Nesterzuk	1966		Emeritus	non-voting
1044	Willis Thomas King, Jr.	1966		Emeritus	non-voting

Excerpt from *ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #15: Delta Chi Association Articles of Governance*

#### Article 5 – Board of Directors

##### Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall have full power to conduct, manage and direct the operation and affairs of the Association.

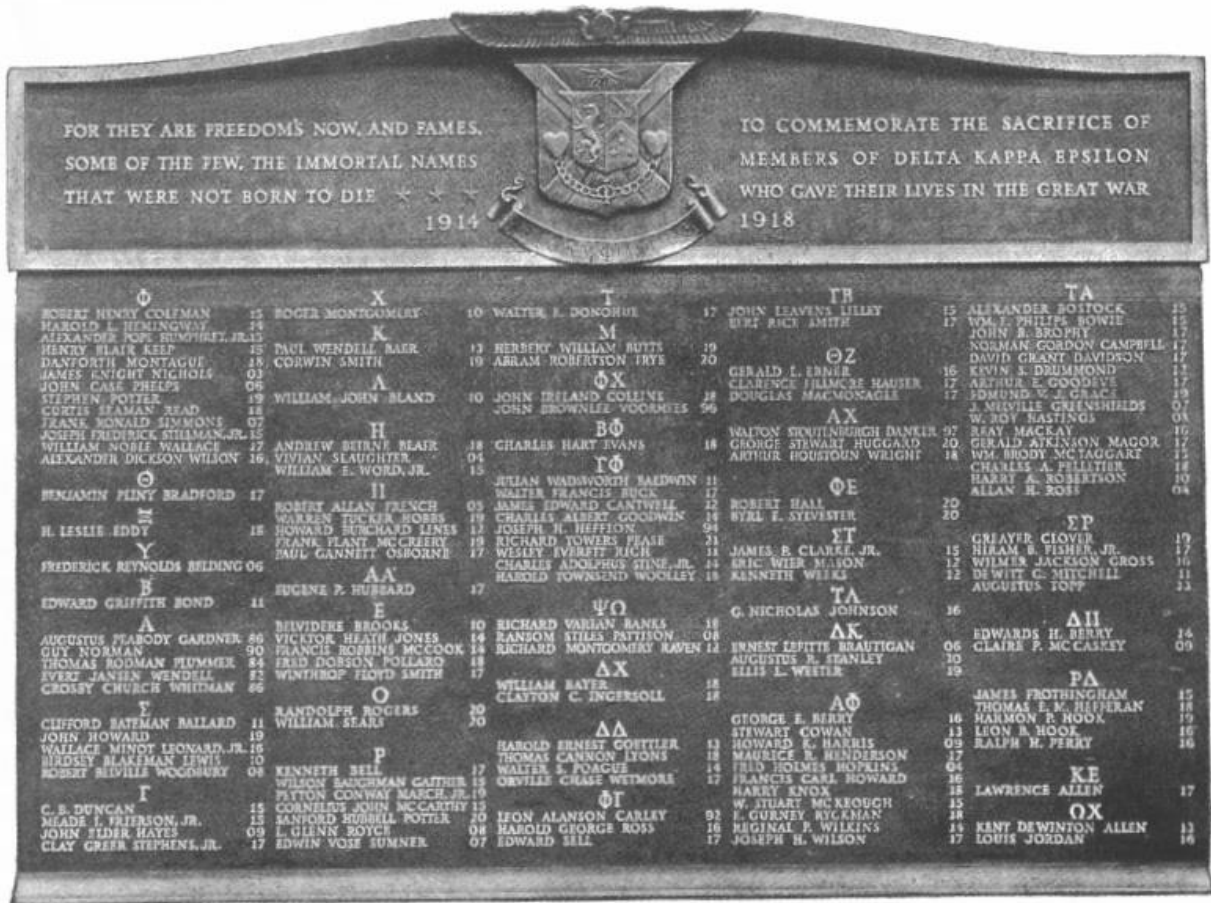
##### Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of fifteen (15) directors. Each director shall be an active member of the Association and shall have expressed an interest in and ability to serve the Association. The size of the Board may be changed from time to time by amending these by-laws, but the total number of directors shall in no event be less than three (3).

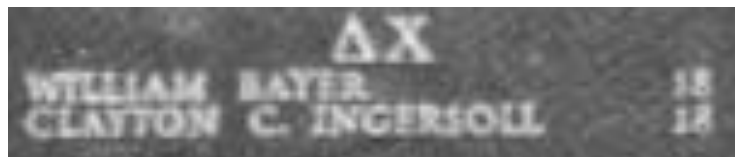
##### Section 3.

The Board shall be divided into three classes of five directors each, with one class elected each year on a rotating basis by a majority vote in person or by proxy of the members of the Association at the annual meeting of the Association. All directors elected in due course at an annual meeting of the Association shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) years, and shall succeed the incumbent directors whose terms of office expire that year. Nominations of candidates for director shall be submitted by a nominating committee and can also be made from the floor at the annual meeting, provided the nominee has agreed, in advance, to serve.

## Appendix C — World War I Memorial Tablet Research



### Detail



[American Legion, Library Division, e-mail to HWF, Thu 8/9/2012 1:42 PM](mailto:Library@AmericanLegion.org)

Dear Mr. Fogle, Thank you for your message regarding William Bayer. Unfortunately, I am unable to confirm his wartime activity. The American Legion does not have access to the military records of individual service members or maintain official casualty lists. I checked our copy of the publication, Military Records of Cornell University in the World War, Ithaca: New York, 1930, but was unable to find the name, William Bayer listed. The publication is a list individuals from Cornell who served and died during the war.

The following might be helpful as you research this individual:

For World War I records, a great deal of information is available at the state level. State archives are often the best place to find draft registration cards and many states published World War I Honor



Rolls listing the names of those who died during the war. Since the plaque doesn't include a place of residence, your best option is the National Archives.

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww1/>

The National Archives Personnel Records Center is the official repository for service members' military records. You can request records online using the Standard Form 180 (<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/about-service-records.html>).

My only other suggestion (if you haven't already contacted them) is the Cornell University Archives (<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/collections/cuhist.html>). They might have early registers or school newspapers from the era that you might find useful.

I wish you success with your research.

Sincerely, Debra Brookhart, Curator/Archivist, Library Division, American Legion  
American Legion National Headquarters  
700 N. Pennsylvania St., P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206  
Phone 317.630.1360 Fax 317.630.1241 [DBrookhart@legion.org](mailto:DBrookhart@legion.org)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Headquarters e-mail to HWF, Fri 8/10/2012 7:28 AM

Thank you for contacting VFW National Headquarters. I would contact the WWI Memorial here in Kansas City for any research on this topic. Thanks

William C. Bloomquist, Assistant Director, Administrative Operations

406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111 Phone # 816-968-2730, Fax# 816-968-1149

National World War I Museum e-mail to HWF, Fri 8/10/2012 2:02 PM

Dear Sir: This response is on behalf of Jonathan Casey, Museum archivist, regarding your query about William Bayer, a Cornell student who died in the War. We also reviewed our copy of Military Records of Cornell University in the World War and likewise could not find any reference to William Bayer. We have the three-volume set of Soldiers of the Great War (Soldiers Record Publishing Association, 1920) which lists several thousand casualties indexed by states. We made a quick check of those listed from New York, since that is the venue for Cornell, but could not find his name. We will be glad to pursue this further if you could provide the home state for William Bayer and if he was from New York, we will look again for him.

Carl Manning, Research Volunteer, Attendants' Desk, Research Center, National WWI Museum  
[research@theworldwar.org](mailto:research@theworldwar.org)

Jonathan Casey, Archivist, National World War I Museum

100 W. 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 (816) 888-8121 [jcasey@theworldwar.org](mailto:jcasey@theworldwar.org)

Elaine Engst, Director & University Archivist, e-mail Thu 8/16/2012 6:40 AM

I couldn't find any record of a William Bayer at Cornell either.

## **Appendix D — Proposed Resolutions by the Alumni Historian —CENSORED**

Three resolutions aimed at correcting the following operational deficiencies of the Delta Chi Association were proposed by the Alumni Historian.

- no regularly scheduled meetings;
- no promptly scheduled ad hoc meeting;
- no written meeting agendas circulated before conferences;
- no properly written motions by members who want to raise proposals;
- no promptly published meeting minutes and records of Board member votes;
- no mandatory scheduled and itemized reports by Board officers for Association financials, fundraising and budget;
- no written/published policies on scholarships, fund raising, etc.;
- no published financial reports or statements of alumni contributions;
- no forwarding of rush prospects to the Chapter (in the past a key activity).

These resolutions were defeated at the 3 June 2013 meeting and in a subsequent meeting the Association voted to delete them from the 2013 Report of the Alumni Historian.

In inquiry to the Fraternity headquarters in Michigan regarding the number of Delta Chi Association members who were current in their payment of dues to Delta Kappa Epsilon International resulted in the following data (SC e-mail, Tue 6/11/2013 1:38 PM):

As of 5 June 2013:

One Board member has paid dues for 2013.

Three Board members paid dues in 2012.

Five Board members paid dues in 2011.

## Appendix E — Miscellaneous Data and Bibliography

Jones (2012), pp. 138-139 (Bro. Webb Cook Hayes 1876, Action at Vigan, P.I.)

EVEN AS THE MANHUNT FOR Aguinaldo had played out, scattered Filipino forces on Luzon had begun to regroup and launch attacks on U.S. troops.

One of the boldest occurred on December 4 [1899], when two hundred soldiers under the command of General Manuel Tinio attacked Vigan, the elegant provincial capital of Ilocos Sur. Tinio's fighters had slipped into town in the predawn and taken up positions in the Catholic church, bishop's palace, convent and hospital grounds. They had hoped to surprise the American garrison in their quarters, but a spy had betrayed their plans. In more than four hours of close-quarters combat, eight U.S. soldiers died and three were wounded. By midmorning, the bloody streets and plazas of Vigan were strewn with the bodies of forty Filipinos.

[Cf. Webb Cook Hayes 1876 (1856 – 1934), Colonel, U.S. Army. Medal of Honor Citation: Pushed through the enemy's lines alone, during the night, from the beach to the beleaguered force at Vigan, and returned the following morning to report the condition of affairs to the Navy and secure assistance (December 4, 1899).]

Spanish American War Monument to the 71st Infantry Regiment, Greenburgh NY



*Wikipedia*: Spanish American War Monument to the 71st Infantry Regiment is a historic war memorial located in Mount Hope Cemetery at Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York. It was built in 1901 at the 71st Infantry Regiment burial plot, and is an 18 feet square and 18 feet high, Quincy granite structure in the Neoclassical style. It has granite steps, wrought and cast iron double entrance doors, and a square cupola. A second set of steps was built in 1905. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish\\_American\\_War\\_Monument\\_to\\_the\\_71st\\_Infantry\\_Regiment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_American_War_Monument_to_the_71st_Infantry_Regiment)

### Identification of 1910 Lodge Addition Builder

The builder for the 1910 east wing added to the Cornell Deke House was J ALLINGTON & SONS, Elmira NY. The identity of the builder for the original 1893-94 building has not been established although it is known that the builder's business card was sealed within the 1893 cornerstone.

Excerpts from *Hanford's Elmira City and Elmira Heights Directory - 1900*

- ALLINGTON, J & SON, (Jacob & John J) contractors and builders, 851 Railroad ave cor W Seventh
- ALLINGTON, JACOB, (J Allington & Son) 851 Railroad ave, h 313 W Gray
- Allington, John, laborer, h 915 John
- ALLINGTON, JOHN J, (J Allington & Son) 851 Railroad ave, h 311 W Gray
- Allington, Lou, laborer, bds 708 Washington ave
- Allington, Sarah May, kindergarten teacher, bds 313 W Gray
- ALLINGTON, W CASS, contractor and builder Grove cor Winsor ave, h 535 W Water

<http://www.joycetice.com/director/1900e080.htm>

### Bibliography

Jones, Gregg (2012). *Honor in the Dust: Theodore Roosevelt, War in the Philippines, and the Rise and Fall of America's Imperial Dream*. New York: New American Library. ISBN: 978-0-451-22904-5.

U.S. Army, Adjutant General's Office, *Correspondence. Relating to the War with Spain . . . from April 15, 1898, to July 30, 1902*, Washington, B.C.: Government Printing Office, 1902. Cf. pp. 1113-14, Otis to adjutant general, December 6, 1899.

Kahlenberg, Richard D., editor. *Affirmative Action for the Rich: Legacy Preferences in College Admissions*. New York: Century Foundation Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-87078-518-4 (paper).

*Cornell Alumni News* Vol. 1, No. 01 (April 5, 1899): "Prominent Cornellians I. Mario Garcia Menocal '88." <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/25741> This is a significant biographical article.

### Van Riper Report (1960)

Author: Prof. Paul P. Van Riper, Cornell Graduate School of Business and Public Administration.

Title: The Cornell fraternity self-study program; a report on some educational and social aspects of fraternity life at Cornell University, 1959-1960.

Cat: <https://catalog.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?BBID=1829902&DB=local>  
The report appears to be a compilation and does not have consistent, continuous paging. It has not been digitized.

### CU Library Report on Search for Parrish Report (1960)

I did not find any references to the Parrish report in our catalog, I'm afraid. It's quite possible, though, that our Division of Rare and Manuscripts Collections (which also functions as the Cornell University archives) may well have a copy. You can reach them via e-mail at [rareref@cornell.edu](mailto:rareref@cornell.edu). They can probably also answer any historical questions you might have about fraternities at Cornell.

Cornell Alumni News, LXXXIX, #3 (October 1986) p. 73: John W. MacDonald Jr.

'49, BA '50 —John W. MacDonald Jr. of Geneva, Switzerland, May 19, 1986; retired 30-year career officer, US Department of State, who had served in Zurich, Switzerland; Paris and Nice, France; Tangier, Morocco; Tripoli, Libya; Hargeisa and Mogadiscio, Somalia; Tunis, Tunisia; and Conakry, Guinea; was an analyst and political counselor; and had been a member of the US delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. Delta Kappa Epsilon

NYT, March 17, 1981 (on the father of JWM '49

Prof. John MacDonald Dies at 75; Headed State Law Revision Unit

John W. MacDonald, professor emeritus of law at Cornell University and former chairman of the New York State Law Revision Commission, died Saturday at Tompkins County Hospital in Ithaca, N.Y. He was 75 years old and lived in Ithaca.

Professor MacDonald was a specialist in legislation, procedure, public law and law reform.

He argued cases before the United States Supreme Court and the New York State Court of Appeals. He was chairman of the State Law Revision Commission from 1958 to 1973.

A native of Albany, he enrolled at Cornell at the age of 16 and in the next five years earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a law degree at the Cornell Law School. He joined Cornell's faculty in 1930 and retired in 1973.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Brown; a son, three daughters, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John Vincent Miller Birth: Dec. 10, 1873 Death: Aug. 16, 1940

Buried at Glendale Cemetery, Akron OH, Sec. 22 (Miller family plot).

Delta Chi Deke, VII, #1 (December 1940)

#### **Miller '01, Former Edison Associate, Died Recently**

Delta Chi chapter lost a prominent alumnus on August 16, 1940. with the passing of John Vincent Miller '01 at Chautauqua. He had been ill two years. He enrolled in mechanical engineering in 1897 after having received the AB at Yale [Class of 1897].

After two years at Cornell he joined the late Thomas Alva Edison at West Orange, N.J., and later became division manager of the Edison Chemical works and personal aide to Edison. At the time of his death he was vice-president, assistant treasurer and a director of Thomas A. Edison, Inc. A member of Quill & Dagger, he was active in the Cornell Club of New Jersey.

Maxwell (1918), p. 56

Phi (1897): Miller, John Vincent. B.A., 97; 1st colloquy; Banjo Club; Manager of Edison Chemical Works; V-pres., Edison Storage Battery Co.; mem. Yale Club; Am. Soc. Mechanical Engineers; Am. Chemical Soc. Affiliated with Delta Chi '99. Silver Lake and E. Orange, NJ.

p. 550, Delta Chi (1899): Miller, John Vincent. Initiated by the Phi.

Find A Grave Memorial# 5456627

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=5456627>



## Appendix F — Reviewers for the 2013 Handbook

The following persons and organizations reviewed the Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 1013. Responses are noted.

### Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

Douglas Murray Lanpher Γ 1977, Executive Director, Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity  
ΔKE Headquarters, 611 1/2 E. William St., Ann Arbor MI 48104-2419  
Cell: (847) 899-0528 [dlanpher@dkehq.org](mailto:dlanpher@dkehq.org)

HWF request for review: April 30, 2013 6:27 PM. Approval: Tue 4/30/2013 8:45 PM

### Delta Chi Association Board

HWF request for review: Tue 4/30/2013 4:16 PM. No responses.

### Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chapter Officers

George James Steffani 2015, Chapter President (Beta)

Tyler Brian Fugere 2015, House Manager (Sigma)

Nakul Beri 2013, Chapter Treasurer (Kappa)

Joseph Anthony Pisicolo 2015, Chapter Steward (Delta)

HWF request for review: Thu, Apr 25, 2013 at 6:16 PM. No response.

HWF request for review: Tue 4/30/2013 4:16 PM. No responses.

James Daniel Markiewicz 2016, Chapter Steward Trainee

HWF request for review: Thu, Apr 25, 2013 at 6:16 PM. Approval:

Christopher Lewis Leyen 2013, College of Arts & Science (Biology – Genetics)

Special thanks to CLL for his assistance in collecting data for the Handbook.

### Other Members of the Fraternity

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## Delta Kappa Epsilon - ΔKE

**Chapter Facts:**

**Local Chapter:** Delta Chi

**Year established:** 1844

**Year at Cornell:** 1870

**Membership #:** 30

**House/Campus address:** 313 South Avenue

**National website:**

[www.dke.org](http://www.dke.org)

**Local website:**

[www.cornelldke.com](http://www.cornelldke.com)



The Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded at Cornell in 1870 as the 24th chapter of the international fraternity founded at Yale in 1844. Today, 126 years later, Deke boasts over 64 active chapters in the United States and Canada. While this is not a large number compared to some other fraternities, the small number has helped keep Deke standards high and above the rest.

The Deke house was designed by William Henry Miller, the nationally renowned architect who was the first graduate of Cornell's School of Architecture. Opened in 1893, it was the first house at Cornell designed and built as a fraternity house. The Deke house is one of the two Greek houses at Cornell on the National Register of Historic places. Some of the more special aspects of the house are: the wide side porch where the brothers hang-out and barbecue in the warm weather, the basement bar and pool room, the paneled library with an immense fireplace, the two Tiffany stained-glass windows above the staircase, and the third floor tower from which there is an unparalleled view of the surrounding Ithaca and Cornell area. Walking through the house gives each brother a sense of history about the building and about the brotherhood. A perfect example is two Norway spruces in front of the house. These trees were planted by President Theodore Roosevelt (a Harvard Deke) in 1899 in memory of a fellow Deke Clifton Beckwith Brown, class of 1900, who died alongside Roosevelt at the battle of San Juan Hill.

## Appendix H: —Furnace Room Equipment (Photographs During Installation)

The lodge had originally been equipped with a coal-fired furnace to provide hot-water space heating. This unit was retrofitted to burn fuel oil circa 1965 and replaced with a system of four gas-fired boilers in 2007. The following photographs were taken during the installation process that year.



Above left (26 Sep 2007, Room B006, looking south). Four (4) HydroTherm (Westfield MA) Gas-fired Hydronic Boilers, Model R-300B, 300,000 BTUH input, s/n (1) R-2007-1495, (2) R-2007-1496, (3) R-2007-1497 and (4) R-2007-1498. AMTROL (West Warwick RI) Model SX-90V EXTROL Expansion Tank, 62 Gallon, positioned above the boiler group.

Above right (2 Oct 2007, Room B04, looking south): air intake ducts leading from lodge's west façade beneath walkway to east firewall.





Above (7 Sep 2007, looking east).

### Notes on House Utilities

Prof. Simpson Linke e-mail to HWF, Sun 4/7/2013 2:11 PM

Please pardon my exceedingly late response to your inquiry. Old age ( I'm in the middle of my 95th year) has caused me to become very sluggish and coupled with many medical appointments for both self and family members. Also, I wanted to look up a few dates to create a rough timeline. The results are listed below:

1876: Professor Anthony exhibits his dynamo at an exhibition in Philadelphia.

1880: Edison invents the incandescent lamp.

1883: A water wheel in Fall Creek gorge drives a belt feed to a dynamo lab in a shop behind West Sibley Hall. A coal-fired steam engine in the basement of the shop becomes a subsequent energy source.

1884: Brush-Swan Electric Company established in Ithaca. A coal-fired steam engine is probable energy source for generation of dc power. Ac power was not available until 1905. Construction of a distribution system begins. Laura found this information in a local publication of the history of Ithaca. No further technical details were given.

1893: DKE house construction is started.

1899: Electric-lighting service in Ithaca is advertised in the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

1900: Campus-lighting demand exceeds available campus supply, a condition that was probably typical throughout the previous years of operation.

This information indicates that a sufficiently robust power system was available in 1893 to support the lighting demand of the DKE house. I believe that the wiring of the house was done during the construction period with service provided by Brush-Swan Electric Company. The campus supply would have been unable to meet the additional demand.

## Appendix I — RARE Correspondence

HWF letter to David J. Skorton, 17 April 2012 (Transcription)

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

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RE: End of Pledging

Dear President Skorton:

Last August when you called to “end the current system of pledging” I wondered if you really meant to use the word “hazing” instead.<sup>1</sup> It was my experience in 1967 that pledging in Delta Kappa Epsilon began when an entrant signed his bid to join the fraternity and concluded several months later —just before the commencement of formal initiation. In fact, the appellation “pledge” ended when initiation began. Pledging to me means a period of instruction and indoctrination.

In 1989 I wrote an account of how the pledging program was conducted, “Pledging in 1967,” and before publication involved several members of my class to insure accuracy.<sup>2</sup> This study was subsequently posted on the Cornell Library’s eCommons@Cornell website as part of our ongoing ΔKE historical research program. I believe that no activity described in that paper on pledging would even remotely qualify as hazing by the terms of the New York State law that looks toward “substantial risk of physical injury.”<sup>3</sup>

I noted the reports of your program last fall, but I did not see anything to indicate that you were going to compile accurate and complete descriptions of pledging as it occurs in each fraternity or sorority before enacting your reforms. Please correct me if I am wrong about that, but if not then the inference is that you have set about to change or eliminate a large number of longstanding practices in as many residential units with little knowledge of their content, and that much of what would be swept away would have nothing to do with hazing as defined by law. So instead of customized reforms, we await some sort of one-size-fits-all edict.

That said I do have some suggestions that you might consider. I will arrange them in two groups: first some general admonitions, then a few particular prescriptions.

1. Don’t drive the alumni away. ΔKE has been blessed with a large number of alumni who have maintained their interest in the Ithaca chapter and a few who have taken the trouble to religiously attend the chapter’s rituals. The presence of older alumni in any chapter house or lodge is valuable beyond words. The likelihood of a stupid accident occurring is much reduced when a mature brother or sister is at hand. Nevertheless many fraternity alumni worry about becoming parties to litigation and keep their distance.

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<sup>1</sup> *New York Times*, August 23, 2011: “A Pledge to End Fraternity Hazing” by David J. Skorton. *Cornell Chronicle Online*, Aug. 23, 2011: “Skorton bans pledging in Cornell’s Greek system, saying, ‘This must stop’” by Susan Kelley. “We must end the current system of pledging, often perpetuated through traditions handed down over generations, because it fosters hazing and other activities based on humiliation or risky behavior that often pose psychological harm and immediate physical danger to those involved,” Skorton said.

<sup>2</sup> ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #01: Pledging in 1967 (1989, 2005). <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3241>

<sup>3</sup> New York State Penal Law, Chapter 716, Section 1, Subsection 120.1x.

2. Don't tolerate anonymous informers. Unless the University wants the reputation of the East German STASI it should insist that complainers have the moral courage to identify themselves.<sup>4</sup> Encouraging and/or coercing students to rat each other out are formulae for spreading division and contempt—and sometimes the stoolies get found out.
3. Don't expand your definition of hazing beyond any reasonable interpretation of the New York State Law. I noted the following out-of-kilter examples of hazing on the CU website.<sup>5</sup>
  - Members sent instant messages to new members at various times of day and night ordering them to run errands for them.
  - Members required new members to stand in the dark and listen to the same song played repeatedly.
  - Members were required to memorize exorbitant amounts of information about the group and were verbally abused when they answered questions incorrectly on a quiz.
  - Members verbally abused new members at meals by calling them derogatory names, not allowing them to speak, and requiring them to eat while standing in a corner.
  - Members were given condoms and falsely told that they would have to have sex with a farm animal.

I note similar extrapolations at other universities, but foolery is just foolery, not hazing.

4. Don't forget that the law of unintended consequences works overtime when authoritarian prohibitions are forced upon the unwilling. The crime wave following ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment comes to mind. College binge drinking and alcohol poisoning were comparatively rare before the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 came along to inspire defiance. More to the point, any law loses its deterrent power when it is enlarged beyond a reasonable point. Add silly prohibitions and it will be mocked, not respected.

So what can the Cornell University Administration do that would be helpful?

1. Reinforce the disciplinary authority held by chapter officers and encourage them to act promptly when the occasion so requires. Some of the fraternities and sororities are New York State Corporations and a few have formal bylaws and procedures that empower their officers to sanction, fine and expel miscreants. The ΔKE Bylaws and House Rules date from 1883 and have been publically posted in the Cornell Library system since 1994.<sup>6</sup> In particular Cornell can facilitate the removal of residents from University properties when expulsion is directed and also require that fines be payable to the University Bursar when they are levied.
2. Examine the requirement that initiation activities be entirely within the chapter house. In 1870 ΔKE initiation was a formal dinner held at the Clinton House. In 1967 initiation began with a civilized dress dinner in Trumansburg NY. I am at a loss to understand the benefit obtained by prohibiting these activities for reasons of location. Silly rules invite disdain, then evasion.

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<sup>4</sup> Cf. [http://hazing.cornell.edu/cms/hazing/report\\_hazing.cfm](http://hazing.cornell.edu/cms/hazing/report_hazing.cfm)

<sup>5</sup> <http://hazing.cornell.edu/gannett/cms/hazing/incidents/descriptions.cfm>

<sup>6</sup> Articles of Governance: Effective and in Force on 29 January 2009 <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/11800>

3. Distinguish between group and individual culpability. Let's say that a serious hazing incident occurs in Hans Bethe House. Are you going to evict all of the residents and close the building down? Not likely.

Collective punishment is a very blunt instrument. The University owes the Cornell community some candid discussion about when it is used and why. There will be future incidents and these incidents will be investigated. Perhaps it would be wise to formalize the procedure to include a determination of group versus individual responsibility.

I think that suffices. I am looking forward to the web conference on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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David J. Skorton e-mail to HWF, Wed 5/2/2012 5:52 AM (Transcription)

Dear Mr. Fogle:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your thoughts on my challenge to the Greek community to end pledging as we know it. I also appreciated your insights into your own experience with Delta Kappa Epsilon. I recognize that the pledge process you experienced did not include hazing as defined by New York State Law, but the University defines hazing differently to address both physical and mental harm.

Let me explain the context for my decision. As you likely know, a Cornell sophomore, George Desdunes '13, died after an alleged hazing incident during a pledge activity during the spring of 2011. The incident apparently included mock kidnapping, humiliation and coerced drinking.

The high-risk behavior that led to this tragedy occurs regularly on campuses across the country. The problem may have been less severe when you were a student, but today, clearly, serious hazing has become an inextricable part of the pledging activities of many student groups, and highly prevalent in

Greek life. To give you some Cornell-specific data: Despite the fact that hazing is a crime under New York law, as you pointed out in your letter, and has been prohibited at Cornell since 1980, in the past decade alone more than 60 percent of our fraternity and sorority chapters have been found responsible for activities defined as hazing under the Cornell Code of Conduct. And a Cornell study has shown that high-risk drinking and drug use occur two to three times more often among fraternity and sorority members than elsewhere in our student population.

The unfortunate fact is that dangerous and demeaning activities have become so prevalent in the Greek system that many people are questioning whether we should have the system at all. I am not one of them. I believe the Greek system has great value: at its best, it fosters lifelong friendship, community service, networking and leadership—perhaps many of the qualities that you would describe from your own experience.

But if we want the Greek system to survive and indeed to flourish, we must address the illegal and irresponsible practice of hazing, which has become entrenched in the pledging process and often includes high-risk drinking. I firmly believe that our Greek student leaders, with alumni guidance, can develop healthier ways to recruit and induct members, including each chapter's unique positive traditions and meaningful rituals without putting our students' mental and physical health at risk.

We do not intend to create a one-size-fits-all experience, but we must provide our students with clear examples, guidelines and resources in order to change the unhealthy practices so many of the organizations have passed on from year to year. I hope you will consider that there are healthy ways for student organizations to build character and create enduring bonds. Cornell Outdoor Education, for example, offers some extremely challenging group activities such as ice climbing and rappelling that encourage teamwork, bonding, and trust. It is imperative that our students have support from invested alumni such as yourself as they dedicate themselves to this transition.

Thank you again for writing.

Best regards,

David Skorton

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Joint letter of ZΨ, KA, XΦ, AΔΦ and ΔKE to D. J. Skorton, 11 July 2012

## **Common Position Statement**

Alumni of Cornell Chapters of ZΨ, KA, XΦ, AΔΦ and ΔKE

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

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RE: Appeal to Cornell University on the Matter of Fraternity Pledging  
Recruitment, Acceptance, Retention and Education (RARE) Task Force

Dear President Skorton:

The undersigned alumni of Cornell fraternities, among them the oldest fraternal societies at the University, hereby request that consideration be made of two matters that affect our continuance and institutional success within the Cornell community.

- The naming of our pledge programs that prescribe the period of provisional membership beginning with the issuance of a bid to join our respective memberships and concluding with the commencement of our induction (initiation) ceremonies; and
- Control of the duration of our pledge programs and the scheduling of initiation.

We preface our request by acknowledging the seriousness of hazing hazards and agree wholeheartedly that hazing as defined by New York State Law has no place at Cornell and so abjure this practice. We invite the University to receive written descriptions of our pledging programs and comment on any aspect that is or might be construed to be in conflict with law. As you know, several fraternities have already undergone such a review.

We understand the need for authorities to assert themselves in the face of horrid criminal acts, but we also see the need for institutional restraint and respect for the rights of all persons and parties in the academic setting. Distinctions under law are essential. Lawful prohibitions are clearly written, but it is in the space beyond these prohibitions that we must all endeavor to sustain and grow our important organizational missions that contribute not only to the improvement of individual lives, but also to the vitality of campus life and the larger Ithaca community. Please let that space be broad, free and forgiving; a space for education as much as regulation.

We note your call to “Eliminate the words —pledge, —pledging, and other derogatory terms meant to separate new and active members.”<sup>7</sup> This is a generalization and a misrepresentation. Pledges are not new members; they are provisional members, entitled to leave the pledge program if they wish at any time. Pledges leave our programs for financial reasons, academic reasons, family reasons and personal reasons. The very nature of the pledging allows for an extended period of orientation where special support, training and programming are offered to ensure that new members understand both the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Pledge is not a term of belittlement or caste any more than “seaman recruit” is for a man in the situation of provisional enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

The terms “pledge” and “pledging” have well understood definition and meaning within our various organizations and to the public at large. These are not pejorative terms. The proposed “new member

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<sup>7</sup> Presentation 4/27/2012, slide #18 (Modifications to Existing New Member Process).

intake process” is invention. The University’s desire to revise these vernacular terms appears to us as unnecessary and needlessly euphemistic.

We believe in your call to end hazing and abuse, but not to “end pledging as we know it.”<sup>8</sup> We are unsure what pledging programs you have analyzed or examined. To our knowledge, no written or validated descriptions of fraternity pledge programs as practiced at Cornell were available to your office save for one describing a program from 1967. Demanding cessation of our programs without considering their content and form seems disproportionately reactive and punitive.

Regarding the duration of pledging, we note your call to “reduce new member intake process duration” to as little as a month.<sup>9</sup> This approach presents an unrealistic challenge to our chapters. Each fraternity is faced with the difficult though essential task of introducing their memberships to the new entrants (and vice versa), teaching their respective histories and cultures (some more elaborate, defined and established than any of the other University communities), and imbuing in them commitment that will, more often than not, be positive, deeply satisfying and lifelong. This is not a month’s work, or achievable in any time that can arbitrarily be mandated by the University Administration if it has a one-size-fits-all timetable. We invite University input into scheduling the end of pledging but ask that each house be left the task of solving the scheduling problem that revolves around pledge education and orientation, University examinations and the academic calendar. In 2012, the university required initiation before April 1st. This led to many initiation ceremonies being held the last weekend in March which had a deleterious impact on exam week, and came too quickly on the heels of spring break.

The fraternity and sorority system has evolved to be the pre-eminent instructional course in “How to run your own life and get along with others 101.” It has no equal in the European university system. It offers all of the challenges that students will face in life after Ithaca, and many opportunities to fail disastrously, but safely; these they call the stuff of learning. This curriculum requires freedom, quite a lot in fact, but these are young adults and if you treat them like children and exert oppressive and destructive controls, you will obtain a result quite different from your intent.

We are advocates for autonomy and self-governance. A model that has produced many hundreds of thousands more success stories than breakdowns or tragedies. We have found as alumni leaders with hundreds of years of experience among us that authoritarian approaches are out of place on our beautiful hill overlooking Lake Cayuga. The Cornell that our older members recall was a much happier place than now: far less stressful, more exuberant, better mannered, playful and far more optimistic. That, we think, is the star that you should steer by.

We alumni respectfully ask you to note that the fraternities, sororities and independent residential communities have never and would never interfere with the University’s prerogatives with respect to hiring, indoctrinating and training University staff and employees. We deserve such reciprocal respect and consideration.

We hope we can come to an agreement on these two issues that will help us all avoid a situation where our traditions are compromised by requirements that were formulated without our input and consultation.

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<sup>8</sup> Presentation 4/27/2012, slide #9 (Purpose).

<sup>9</sup> Presentation 4/27/2012, slide #18 (Modifications to Existing New Member Process).

Respectfully,

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David J. Skorton e-mail to HWF, Mon 7/23/2012 8:29 AM

Dear Mr. Fogle,

Thank you for forwarding via email a copy of the letter that I received in my office from the alumni Presidents of Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon. I am grateful for the attention and interest of the alumni as we work to effect a significant change in the culture that surrounds Greek life and membership.

I am pleased to know that you have shared the letter with my colleagues as well as the chair of the RARE Task Force and the Alumni Fraternity Council. I am taking the liberty of making sure that the chair of our Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council, Ralph Wilhelm, also has a copy. All of us...the Task Force, the Advisory Council, the alumni, the staff and most importantly, the students, have work to do to preserve and strengthen the best of our fraternity and sorority system and to acknowledge and change that which is deleterious.

Until the Task Force has forwarded its final recommendations, along with any that may come from the Advisory Council, the students and the staff, I will refrain from specific response to your requests. I would just point out, however, while our society, campus and organizations all have rules

and regulations that prohibit hazing, 55% of university students involved in extracurricular activities experience hazing (though 95% do not report it to campus officials.) Despite that enormous lack of reporting, 60% of our own chapters have been found in violation of hazing...much of associated with the new member time period. Thus, I do believe that significant change is needed.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

David Skorton

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**Appendix J — ΔKE-DOS Correspondence**

**Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Cornell University, Inc. (1883)  
Delta Chi Association, Inc. (1888)**

Sunday, October 28, 2012

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RE: Violations of the Campus Code of Conduct by Delta Kappa Epsilon Members

Dear Dean Hubbell:

We are writing to request that Cornell University put in place a system to promptly inform the leadership of our undergraduate and alumni organizations whenever a violation of the Campus Code of Conduct involving members of our fraternity takes place. We believe that a timely citation of the relevant Cornell Police Daily Crime Log item will be sufficient.

It is our intention that for any incident when the brother(s) can be identified by our Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon that he (or they) be subjected to a disciplinary proceeding conducted by the House Judicial Board in accordance with Article XIX (Disciplinary Actions) of our Bylaws. Our Chapter has the authority to impose monetary fines upon members within the limitations set forth in House Rules and the authority to impose Special Acts of Censure, Probation, Suspension and Expulsion upon members by an affirmative vote of three quarters of a quorum. The results of any such proceeding would be immediately reported to the Cornell University Dean of Students and to the Executive Director, Delta Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity. Cf. "ARTICLES OF GOVERNANCE Effective and in Force on 29 January 2009?" <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/11800>

In the event that the Chapter cannot identify the brothers involved in an incident it is felt that the University should take direct punitive action against individuals as warranted.

It was not until 24 October 2012 that Lin Davidson was able to brief the general membership of the Board of the Delta Chi Association on a series of sixteen violations beginning in September 2009 and continuing until this past September. This list was compiled by Cornell University Office of Fraternities, Sororities & Independent Living (OFSIL) earlier this month. It is clear that a pattern of unacceptable behavior has developed. The Chapter and the Alumni have resolved to reverse this trend. Our Judicial Board is the key to making this happen.

This approach will work if the Chapter and alumni leadership can be alerted to violations as soon as they have been reported by the Cornell University Police.

Sincerely,

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**Appendix K —Discussion of Association Reforms and Policies —ABRIDGED**

The following e-mails were exchanged in discussions during the spring of 2013 regarding Chapter budget issues and Association reforms.

HWF e-mail to the ΔXA Board, Sat 4/20/2013 4:20 PM

One last comment on ΔKE room utilization. The 2013 room rental rate is \$7,200 per year.

Just raising that to match the University’s triple occupancy rate of \$7,460 per year would add  $30 \times 260 \times 5 = \$39,000$  in 2013 dollars over five years that could be applied to capital improvements.

Increasing room utilization from 30 to 36 at the current rent rate would add  $6 \times 7200 \times 5 = \$216,000$  in 2013 dollars to the capital improvements budget.

Increasing room utilization from 30 to 36 at the University triple rent rate would add  $6 \times 7460 \times 5 + 39000 = \$262,800$  in 2013 dollars to the capital improvements budget.

These numbers are far more than we could ever hope to raise from a determined alumni campaign.

**2013-2014 University Housing Rates**

<b>Single</b>	\$9,180 / year
<b>Super Single</b> (limited availability)	\$9,790 / year
<b>Double / Quad</b>	\$8,110 / year
<b>Townhouse Double</b>	\$9,180 / year
<b>Triple</b>	\$7,460 / year

As Baroness Margret Thatcher would say “Run it like a business.”

HWF e-mail to the ΔXA Board, Wed 4/24/2013 5:03 PM

Gentlemen of the Board:

On Wednesday, 24 April 2013, I hereby place the following motion before the Board of Trustees of the Delta Chi Association and request that it be taken up for discussion and a vote.

WHEREAS the residential capacity of the Cornell Deke House is thirty-six students by design, and that the structure was conceived to provide this housing in the form of 2- and 3-man study suites on the second floor and 2- and 3-man sleeping chambers on the third floor, and that this calculation of residential capacity is without student occupancy of the Alumni Suite (Room #209); and

WHEREAS the Chapter is obliged to house thirty-six students in keeping with agreements negotiated with the Executive Committee of the Cornell University Board of Trustees during the years 1963-64; and

WHEREAS the Chapter is obliged by lease agreement with Cornell University to pay all costs for maintenance and improvements as long as it occupies the House, and that the income from room rents is the principle source of funds to pay for said maintenance and improvements; and

WHEREAS the Chapter as of April 2013 plans to house only 31 students for the

forthcoming 2013-14 school year, and that of these only 30 will be paying full rent, and that this includes occupancy of Room #209, and that the profits from room rents are now known to be insufficient to cover projected costs for maintenance and improvements; be it

RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association calls upon its Chairman to discuss this matter with the Chapter's officers with the objective of increasing the 2013-14 school year House occupancy to at least thirty-four full-rent paying students; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association recommends that the Chapter plan to return to the second-floor study / third-floor bunk arrangement for housing members not later than school year 2014-15; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association recommends that the Chapter plan for future exclusion of student occupancy in Room #209 not later than school year 2014-15.

I would appreciate it if a member of the board would second this motion for discussion and vote.

I will be glad to respond to questions. Bill

HWF e-mail to the ΔXA Board, Sun 4/28/2013 7:26 PM

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Delta Chi Association,

By now you have absorbed the messages about the under-utilization of the House's room and board facilities with 22 brothers living in non-DKE, non-University housing next term and the income shortfall that will inevitably result.

One comment I heard from a board member is, "THEY DRIVE THE BUS," meaning that how the undergraduates run the chapter is none of the Board's business. I take issue with that sentiment based on what we have uncovered from our historical studies.

From 1870 until World War II DKE was one of the top fraternities on the hill. Throughout this period the alumni closely monitored the Chapter's performance with respect to finances, academics and behavior. They made their standards and expectations known to the Chapter, and the Chapter dutifully communicated its achievements in publications with the result that 13 South Avenue had an excellent reputation for civility, scholarly seriousness, table and participation in activities on the hill. The historical record is very clear about this.

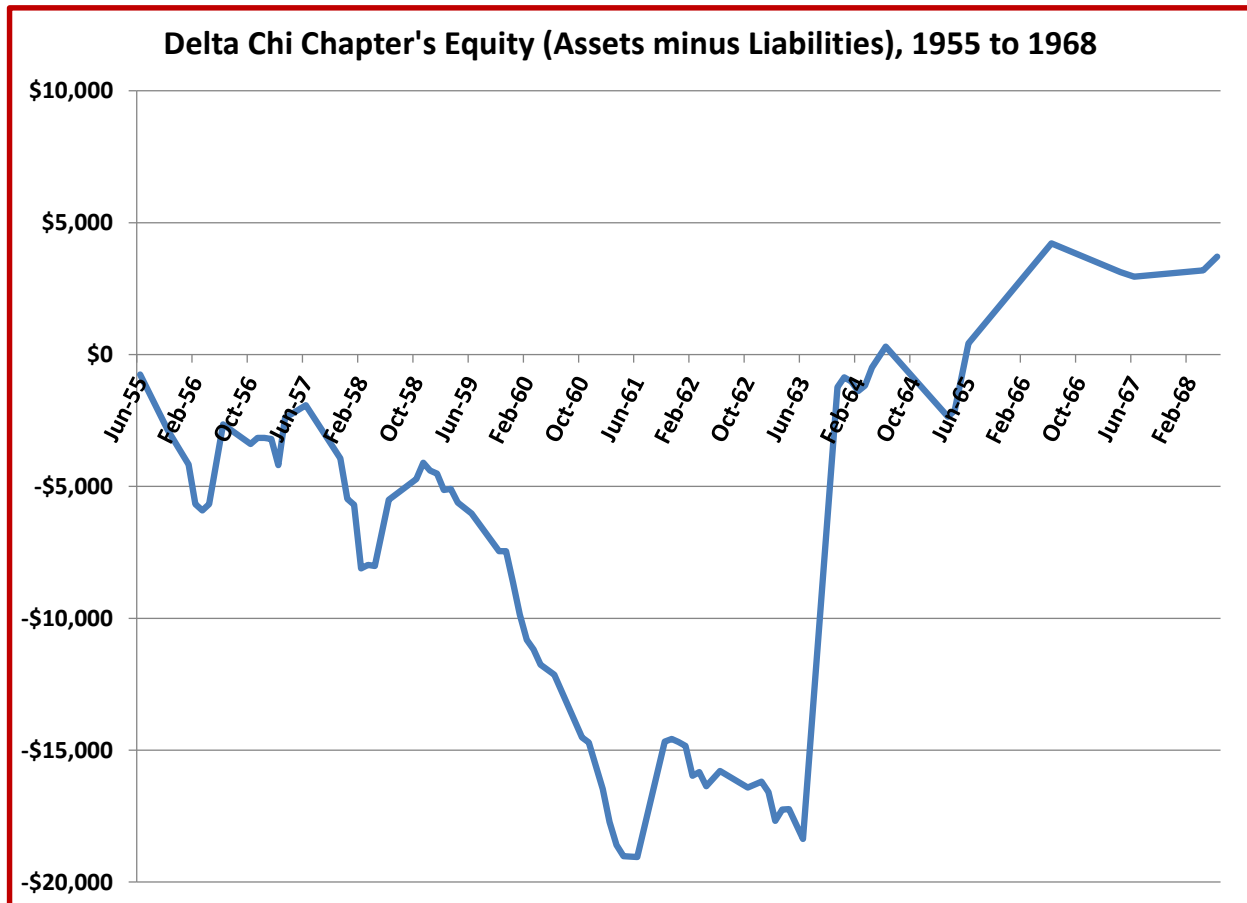
After World War II the Delta Chi Association's performance became much more cyclical. Each period of alumni inattention led to faltering performance of the Chapter and disaster. Allow me to list the down periods and the consequences.

### **Downturn #1**

In 1954-59 the alumni lost the bubble completely. Undergraduates left the House en mass to live in Collegetown. Room & board income collapsed and the House went so far into the hole that DKE would have ended its existence at Cornell had not the alumni rallied, imposed order and rules on the undergraduates, expelled a few deadbeat members, led an extensive fundraising campaign and petitioned the University to join the Group Housing Plan thirty years before the lease on 13 South Avenue would have come to its scheduled conclusion.

[Following graphic updated, 6/2/2013]





This lapse on the part of the alumni cost us three decades of institutional independence. As one brother remembered, “When it became clear that the house finances were in deep trouble mainly because some of the brothers decided to live and eat elsewhere (I won’t name names, but I’ll never be able to forgive)...”

### Downturn #2

The Association led the rebuilding effort that lasted from 1960 until about 1975, but the efforts began to peter out towards the end of the decade. By the mid-Eighties the alumni organization was largely dysfunctional and generally ignorant of what was happening in Ithaca. In the House, decorum and table declined precipitously. It became impossible to take a guest to dinner in the lodge. The University saw an opportunity to replace our south lawn and tennis court with a parking lot knowing that the DKE alumni were too apathetic to mount any resistance. This was done and our now truncated property was the direct result of Association incompetence.

It was not until 1995 that Brother Jack Krieger '49 stepped in and tried to reverse the Chapter’s descent into anarchy. Jack tried his best, but most of what he saw in the Chapter disgusted him and he left in frustration. Don Weadon '67 assumed the leadership of the organization in 1997 and achieved one of the most astounding turnarounds in the Chapter’s history. Don was an in-your-face interventionist. He set the rules for the undergraduates, imposed lease contracts, required signed-covenants, secured the Lion Trophy in 2000, insisted on frequent publication of the Delta Chi Deke and kept the Board members fully employed in all matters that affected daily life at 13 South

Avenue. When in 2002 the University again threatened to turn the neighborhood into a parking garage, Don rallied opposition and the horrendous garage disaster was averted. These were great years for DKE.

### **Downturn #3**

We are now back in the post-Weadon laissez-faire doldrums. There is a pervasive attitude amongst the Board that it is fine for the undergraduates to forego housekeeping, conduct self-service dining, turn the second-floor into a game and recreation zone –four 3-man studies now called the “Boom Boom”, “Blue Hole”, “Corner Room” and “Lavender Room”, ignore our lease contract with the University, and in general turn 13 South Avenue into a marginal slum. The Delta Chi Deke has virtually ceased publication –one issue in two years. The Chapter is now on “Provisional Recognition Status,” i.e. probation, until December 2014, due in part to alcohol abuse –a reply of the late Fifties. Abandonment of the lodge’s designed housing plan (2nd floor studies, 3rd floor bunking) leads to higher noise levels and a poorer study environment throughout the building. On top of that there are probable fire code violations.

These are not the “good times.”

I would like to see a show of hands. Are we going to start running our own Association in a business-like manner? Are we going to get DKE back to operating as it was designed to operate? Is the Board going to make its views known to the undergraduates? Or are going to let the Chapter sink further?

It is our job and our duty to set standards and communicate expectations. That is not being done now.

I have put a resolution on the table. You should do the same. What direction do you want to go? Can you break from the current state of lethargy? If you don’t like the course that I propose, name your direction. But don’t suck air and do nothing. It may be too late to deal with the 2013-14 budget, but if you want to make a difference now is the time to start.

Lin, please call a meeting. Bill

<b>Presidents of the Delta Chi Association</b>					
<b>DX #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>CY</b>	<b>Life</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>References</b>
210	Ernest Vail Stebbins	1893	1874-1950	ca. 1913-1918	DXD (Oct 1947)
287	Joseph DeWitt Warner	1902	1881-1962	1919	DXD (Mar 1955)
101	Herbert Dana Schenck	1882	1858-1933	ca. 1919-1927	Annual Chapter Letters; DXD (May 1936)
287	Joseph DeWitt Warner	1902	1881-1962	1928-1947	Study #21 (p. 73); DXD (May 1936) (Mar
730	L. LaVerne Horton	1941	1918-1958	1952	DKEQ (Feb 1952)
674	James Spencer Brown	1937	1914-1975	1954-1955	DKEQ (May 1954); Letters (Jun 1955) (Sep
824	Harold Marinus Warendorf	1949	1928-1997	1955-1957	DXD (Dec 1955) (Dec 1956); Letters (Jan
808	John Arthur "Jack" Krieger	1949	1924-2011	1958-1960	DXD (Nov 1958) (Mar 1959) (Jan 1960);
664	Harold Diodate "Bub" North, Jr.	1936	1914-1990	1960-1962	Letters (Jan 1960) (Jun 1960) (Jul 1960)
837	George Nixon, Jr	1949	1926-2004	1962-1963	Letters (Jun 1962); Conveyance (Jul 1963)
581	Thomas Washburn Hopper	1928	1907-1983	Sep1963-1971	Letters (Sep 1963) (Oct 1963) (Jan 1964)
636	Edward Waller Cunningham	1933	1911-2002	1972-1974	DXD (Dec 1972) (Jan 1974)
1016	Kendall Stuart Norwood, Jr.	1962	1937-1995	1976-1980	DXD (Dec 1977) (Dec 1978) (Apr 1980)
1032	John Rast Hubbard	1965	1943-	1980-1983	DXD (Nov 1980) (May 1981), (May 1982).
1093	Norman Lindsley Davidson, Jr.	1971	1950-	1983-1985	NLD e-mail, 11 Feb 2011.
1232	Steven Mark Pozzi	1981	1959-	1986-Feb1988	DXD (Nov 1986) (April 1987) (Dec 1987)
1093	Norman Lindsley Davidson, Jr.	1971	1950-	1989	DXD (Apr 1989)
1191	Michael Patrick James Curran	1979	1957-	ca. 1994	Handbook1994
808	John Arthur "Jack" Krieger	1949	1924-2011	1995-1997	10Jun1995 minutes; AHR2010
1058	Donald Alford Weadon, Jr.	1967	1945-2008	1997-Mar2008	AHR2010. Died in office.
1093	Norman Lindsley Davidson, Jr.	1971	1950-	Mar2008-	

HWF's resolution of Wednesday, 24 April 2013.

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WHEREAS the Chapter as of April 2013 plans to house only 31 students for the forthcoming 2013-14 school year, and that of these only 30 will be paying full rent, and that this includes occupancy of Room #209, and that the profits from room rents are now known to be insufficient to cover projected costs for maintenance and improvements; be it

RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association calls upon its Chairman to discuss this matter with the Chapter's officers with the objective of increasing the 2013-14 school year House occupancy to at least thirty-four full-rent paying students; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association recommends that the Chapter plan to return to the second-floor study / third-floor bunk arrangement for housing members not later than school year 2014-15; and be it further

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H. William Fogle, Jr. '70  
Alumni Historian, Delta Chi Chapter of DKE

HWF e-mail to ΔX Association Board, Tue 4/30/2013 10:11 AM  
Gentlemen,

Brother P has suggested that my proposed resolution of 24 April is impractical because it would require brothers living out to break room contracts they have recently signed.

I will give you two alternatives to consider.

1. We pass the resolution as written and inform the University that the Chapter will offer housing for four unaffiliated students to partially conform to our lease obligation.
2. We hold off on compelling this change in the 2013-14 school year, but instead delay it until the 2014-15 school year. In other words we revise the resolution as follows.

WHEREAS clauses: **no changes.**

RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association calls upon ~~its Chairman to discuss this matter with the Chapter's officers with the objective of increasing the 2013-14~~ **the Chapter to house** school year House occupancy to at least thirty-four full-rent paying students

during school year 2014-15 and thereafter; and be it further

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RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association recommends that the Chapter plan for future exclusion of student occupancy in Room #209 not later than school year 2014-15.

I think that it is important that the Association Board exert leadership and resolve. Members should not be hesitant to put forward their ideas for dealing with this issue.

I remind you that we would be entirely within our rights to play hardball, i.e. advise the University that room rent for the 30 students living in next year should be set at  $36/30 = 1.2$  times the University's standard "Triple" rate of \$7,460 per annum to compensate for the six students that we are not housing. A room bill of \$8,952 for rent would be exceeding unpopular. It would not hurt for the undergraduates to understand that there are consequences to their choices.

[Repeat of the "2013-2014 University Housing Rates" table here]

I have asked the Chapter's treasurer to tell me how many of the 22 brothers living out of the House next year will be dining in the House. This may also be a drain on the Steward's Department. We have been informed that they (the 22) will be paying parlor fees.

I would like to thank Brother Rohrbacher for his thoughtful comments. Lin, please call a meeting. In the bonds, Bill

HWF e-mail to ΔΧ Association Board, Fri 5/10/2013 7:06 AM

Officers and Members

Board of Trustees of the Delta Chi Association, Inc.

I wish to thank Brothers Joseph Arthur "Jay" Grzyb '81 (Wed 5/8/2013 8:06 PM) and Philip Hathaway "Phil" Rohrbacher '04 (Tue 4/30/2013 8:08 AM) for their welcome comments in the messages noted. I further request their permission to enter their messages into our official records for 2013. Please note that the longstanding DKE tradition of full names for brothers in formal communications is honored herewith.

I hereby withdraw my proposed resolution of 24 April 2013 calling for an increase in the "the 2013-14 school year House occupancy to at least thirty-four full-rent paying students" because the clock has already run out; it would be impractical to implement this measure now that next year's lodging plans are settled.

I stand by my second resolution (HWF e-mail Tue 4/30/2013 10:11 AM) calling for House occupancy changes NLT than 2014-15 school year and will repeat a full wording of same below. That said, I wish for that measure to be taken up following another matter that I now describe.

There are some members of the Association's Board who have told me that the alumni cannot and should not attempt to improve the level of civility, decorum and demeanor of the undergraduate Chapter by specific measures that the residents of 13 South Avenue might not endorse. They believe that the social evolution of the House should be left to the actives who have no historical memory of Delta Kappa Epsilon when it was a revered fraternity, no memory of how the Chapter had so

mismanaged its finances that the alumni had to take control of House and Stewards operations in 1923, no memory of how this again occurred in the late Nineteen-fifties and no memory of how the alumni again intervened to save the institution. The undergraduates may know little of their Chapter's history, by we on the Association Board are obliged to remember.

As so I find myself opposed to those "hands-off" Board members who would defer to the undergraduates preferences regarding customs of dining, dress, conduct, housekeeping and lodging -- conditions that directly affect fraternal bonding and deportment.

There is no doubt that Fogle is a complete retrophile. Were it in my power I would bring the House back to when it was a true gentlemen's club: one of the leading and most highly respected institutions at Cornell. That was in the Nineteen-thirties. Even in the late Sixties, we had the trappings of refinement: jacket & tie dress, waiter-served sit-down dining, admirable entertaining for dinner guests, congenial after-dinner coffee, no television whatsoever, enforced quiet hours on the second-floor and absolute quiet on the third. The Deke House was a good place to study and always, always a nice place to bring a date or faculty member for company. We had a cook who started us off with hot breakfast in the morning and a bedder to keep the third floor bedrooms in order. Pledges were taught the customs of the Chapter and learned the full names and hometowns of the brothers. There was a respectful atmosphere of tutilage for the freshmen and deference for the upperclassmen. Perhaps my glasses are rose colored, but these were times of civility and prosperity.

These amenities and decencies may seem alien today, but I assure you that they contributed to morale, self-respect and collegiality. We sat at table together for three and a half years when the art of conversation was learned if not mastered. You left Cornell knowing your brothers well and they would be your friends for life. Of course, we had problems: drunken fights, crude behavior, incivility at times, but the general temperament of the place was fine --and far better than one found in most other fraternities at Cornell.

The fraternity is a Nineteenth century institution. That is to say it is Victorian and was conceived with the sensibility and ambitions of those times. Everything, absolutely everything, that has come since in the way of social "advancement" has been destructive to that fragile fraternal institution and the customs that sustain it. Liberalism, egalitarianism, feminism and egoism may sound harmless, but each eats away at those attitudes that make a fraternity work. Then we have the demise of the classical 2-parent family and the emergence of an authoritarian University culture that is decidedly hostile to any association that does not subscribe to its one-size-fits-all standard of social uniformity.

I do not propose an impractical and impossible return to the Thirties, but I think in small ways we can reverse the Chapter's slide into sloth that seems to be our current direction.

First we have to get our own house in order. This alumni association borders on dysfunctional. Look at what we are not doing!

1. no regularly scheduled meetings;
2. no promptly scheduled ad hoc meetings;
3. no written meeting agendas circulated before conferences;
4. no properly written motions by members who want to raise proposals;
5. no promptly published meeting minutes and records of Board member votes;
6. no mandatory scheduled and itemized reports by Board officers for Association financials, fundraising and budget;
7. no reports on Chapter budget, schedules of charges & actuals, housing & dining utilization;
8. no written/published policies on scholarships, fund raising; and

9. no forwarding of rush prospects to the Chapter (in the past a key activity).

That is a big list of nothings and I have probably left out a few..

So let's have a show of hands. Pointless drift or considered reform? First (1) reform within the Association Board and then (2) Board led reforms for the undergraduate chapter. You cannot get to (2) without dealing with (1) first. Tell me if I am being too logical about this.

WHEREAS the Board of the Delta Chi Association has fallen into desuetude for want of customary procedures (meetings, agendas, motions, minutes, reports and published policies); be it

RESOLVED that the Board shall reform its ~~dissolute~~ feckless ways and begin acting like a formal and energized organization in order to favorably impact on the operations and future of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

I will point out that if the Association does not have an agenda, there is little point in it existing.

Then, if we get past the first hurdle we can take up the revised resolution.

WHEREAS the residential capacity of the Cornell Deke House is thirty-six students by design, and that the structure was conceived to provide this housing in the form of 2- and 3-man study suites on the second floor and 2- and 3-man sleeping chambers on the third floor, and that this calculation of residential capacity is without student occupancy of the Alumni Suite (Room #209); and

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RESOLVED that the Board of the Delta Chi Association calls upon the Chapter to house at least thirty-four full-rent paying students during school year 2014-15 and thereafter; and be it further

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I welcome your thoughts. HWF

HWF e-mail to Houck, Grzyb & St. Marie, Sunday, May 19, 2013 1:30 PM

I would like to get some feedback from you on the following measure that I intend to place before the Board during our June meeting.

Consider this a draft at this point.

WHEREAS the undergraduate members of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Cornell University can benefit from the understanding and advice of Alumni members regarding many aspects of fraternity life; and

WHEREAS the Chapter's past financial and academic downturns of 1923, 1955-60 and the current two-year period of disciplinary "Provisional Recognition Status" (December 2012 to December 2014) were all preceded by prolonged lapses in alumni involvement; and

WHEREAS certain members of the Board are already leading in specific areas, e.g. Brother William Sidney "Bill" Houck '70 in capital improvements for the lodge, Brother Mark St. Marie '79 in matters of ritual and initiation, and Brother Joseph Arthur "Jay" Grzyb '81 in dispensation of scholarship funds; and

WHEREAS it is reasonable and expected that every member of the Board contribute not less than thirty hours of their time per annum to activities intended to benefit the Chapter; and

WHEREAS certain aspects of Chapter and Association operations have been seriously neglected by the Board during the past decade, e.g. (1) lodging plans and utilization, (2) dining arrangements and utilization, (3) scholarship matters (4) House study conditions and ambiance (quiet hours, counseling, etc.) and (5) rush candidate recommendations; be it

RESOLVED that each and every member of the Association Board have some specific area of interest and involvement with the undergraduate Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED that each and every member of the Board express their preferences for the area of interest they are most able to contribute; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board or his appointee shall be empowered to assign such duties as indicated or necessary.

I think that it would be appropriate and considerate if any standing members of the board who cannot put in thirty or so hours in performance of their duties submit their resignation and that any prospective members consider this as a condition of their nomination to serve.

Can you give me some feedback this week? Then I'll forward the final form and ask that it be added to the 8 June agenda. Bill

HWF e-mail to RCP (Redacted), Tue 5/21/2013 4:21 AM

Note: The following redacted e-mail exchange occurred after HWF asked RCP for his opinion on the three resolutions that HWF will be placing on the table for a vote in June. Brother RCP did not want his questions known to the Board so they have been redacted from the following exchange.

**RCP Question #1 deleted at his request. HWF's reply follows.**

I can personally verify that on many occasions during the Sixties young women were successfully bedded with the then existing room arrangement (2<sup>nd</sup> floor studies, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bunks). Several successful marriages ensued. I can give you a list. The Alumni Suite (Room #209) was often used for these trysts.

**RCP Question #2 deleted at his request. HWF's reply follows.**

Very simple. Inform OFSIL that we wish to be in compliance with our lease and ask them to fill the House with paying lodgers and boarders (we had both in the Sixties) until compliance is achieved.

That might inspire the undergraduates to re-think their use of the facility. They should remember that the University is fully empowered to assign individuals to rooms that they own for student housing.

**RCP Question #3 deleted at his request. HWF's reply follows.**

In 1957 the Chapter expelled brothers who failed to lodge and dine in the House when this delinquency was causing financial ruin. Chapter Meeting Minutes, 06 Nov 1957: "that the alumni gave us a vote of confidence for kicking out of the House Brothers [James Andrew] Weschler '59, [Svein Richard] Arber '59, [St. George Biddle] Duke '59, [Michael James] Crowley '59 and [Mark Culhane] Rowland '59" and "that the alumni asked for their removal from the National as well."

In October 1959 the Chapter adopted and published the House Rule: "All members must live and eat in the house." Cf. Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXVII, #3 (Oct 1959), p. 111: "New House Rules Designed to Recapture Strong Position of ΔKE at Cornell" by John A. Rodgers III '60 and George E. Fox '61.

OFSIL will be more than happy to enforce this rule as a means of complying with the lease if ΔXA asks them to. It means additional (needed, expected and deserved) income into University accounts.

**RCP Question #4 deleted at his request. HWF's reply follows.**

At this point in time this is totally incorrect information. Please note the following schedule of charges supplied this month by NBI.

[See Appendix A for final version of Schedule of Charges and Utilization Table]

You will note that the budgeted semester income increase is approximately  $30*(1850-1800)+22*((925-900)+(315-300))+(30+22)*(350-450) = \text{MINUS } \$2,820$ , i.e. a decrease, based on (1) Beri's schedule of charges, (2) 30 brothers residing in the House, (3) 22 brothers living out. (4) no non-member lodgers, and (5) no non-member boarders. [This calculation was based on original data].

Where is the new income for capital improvements? I hope to get final numbers from Brother Beri (Kappa) before 1 June, but I only ask for data, never actions —that should be left to the Board, so I expect little change.

**RCP Question #5 deleted at his request. HWF's reply follows.**

It would only take a five minute telephone call to raise the issue to a level that OFSIL could not and would not ignore. I think the University relies on the alumni to coax the Chapter into compliance on all matters: lease, conduct and academic performance. Right now we have the latitude to deal with the situation. That situation may not last. So the answer to your question is "no" at present. You can make a good case that the ΔXA Board is being negligent in reviewing the 2013-14 college year budget for the Chapter. Actually, I've seen no evidence that a review of any kind has been done.

HWF e-mail to ΔXA Board, Sun 6/2/2013 6:16 PM

Members of the Board, Delta Chi Association

Dear Brothers:

You may have wondered what Fogle meant by Resolution #2 (A or B, take your pick) in his 25 May letter (attached) when he talked about "some specific area of interest and involvement" for Board members. A few of us have staked out jobs in this competitive market.



- Fogle: Historian, scold and Alumni nag.
- St. Marie: DKE Council representative for initiation, ritual and keeping DKE compliant with University conduct regulations.
- Houck: Watchdog for University expenditures for capital projects and cost overruns. Also, tracing specialist for the History Program.
- Grzyb: Scholarship counselor.

But that is only four out of fourteen Board members so we have a 71.4% unemployment rate. Here are some suggestions for a full employment program that would be the envy of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Job Vacancy #1: Publications Advisor.

Encourage the undergraduates to publish the *Delta Chi Deke* four times a year (the original schedule from 1935 to 1975) and by that means get alumni dues & contributions back on track. Advise on content for the Chapter's annual rush book page.

*An increase from one issue every two years to two per year would be good for a start. The Alumni Historian has prepared copy on historical subjects for the Delta Chi Deke that has never been used.*

Job Vacancy #2: Budget Advisor.

Work with the Chapter's Executive Committee to insure that the House's budget will meet requirements for insurance, housekeeping, dining, projected maintenance and capital improvements. Advise on the Schedule of Charges as required to generate the needed income. Reconcile the short term preferences of the undergraduates with the long term needs of the lodge. Keep ΔKE from becoming a slum property.

Job Vacancy #3: Steward's Department Advisor.

Monitor and advise the Steward's Department to insure that food quality, service and decorum is sufficient, civilized and at all times suitable for fraternal conviviality and entertaining guests. Deal with the fact that we have no inspections for sanitation, hygiene and health hazards. Most importantly, make dining in the lodge a congenial experience.

*Note: There are at least two fraternities at Cornell that still have waiter-served evening meals and jacket and tie dress code on more than one night per week. Dining at ΔKE is now far below the standards set in the late Nineteen-sixties and before World War II.*

Job Vacancy #4: Curator's Department Advisor.

Monitor and advise the House Manager (Sigma) regarding compliance with City of Ithaca requirements and lodge maintenance issues.

*City of Ithaca Building Department Certificate of Compliance.  
City of Ithaca Fire Department Operating Permit for Assembly Occupancy.*

Job Vacancy #5: Rush Advisor.

Identify incoming freshmen rush prospects during the summer before fall term. This was a VERY BIG DEAL FOR ΔKE in the years before 1960. Most of our top-drawer brothers and legacies were spotted by the alumni before they ever got to Ithaca. The better Cornell fraternities continued this

practice well into the Nineteen-seventies.

*Fogle recalls being rushed by the Delta Phi Fraternity during the summer before his freshman year.*

Job Vacancy #6: University Liaison.

Keep in touch with the gaggle of University organizations that can help or hurt the House. Convey the Association's views to officials on issues as they develop.

Office of the Dean of Students

<http://dos.cornell.edu/>

Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living (OFSIL)

<http://dos.cornell.edu/greek/>

Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council

[http://dos.cornell.edu/greek/alumni\\_friends/fsac.cfm](http://dos.cornell.edu/greek/alumni_friends/fsac.cfm)

Alumni Interfraternity Council (AIFC)

[http://dos.cornell.edu/greek/alumni\\_friends/aifc.cfm](http://dos.cornell.edu/greek/alumni_friends/aifc.cfm)

Facilities Services

<http://www.fs.cornell.edu/>

*Note that during the past fiscal year the Alumni Historian prepared two formal letters to the University Administration to request policy accommodations: (1) 11 July 2012 letter to President Skorton and (2) 28 Oct 2012 letter to Dean of Students Hubbell.*

Job Vacancy #7: HQ-DKE Liaison.

Keep in touch with the Fraternity's headquarters staff in Michigan and with other chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon as occasions permit. Encourage the Chapter to apply for the Deke Lion Trophy and play a role in the Fraternity's affairs.

*Every member of the Board should be current with his dues to the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.*

Job Vacancy #8: Scholarship Advisor.

Promote whatever it takes to improve the academic performance of all pledges and brothers in the House. The University administration still publishes fraternity grades (averages) and ranks.

*The alumni can make a difference as they have in the past. Cf. Special Study #14. If the lodge is too noisy and unsettled to study in during weeknights, then we can expect grades to fall. This connects directly to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor study – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bunk issue.*

*Note the attached report of Cornell Fraternity Grades 2012. ΔKE ranked 33 out of 45 for the spring 2012 term and 28 out of 43 for the fall 2012 term. **We can do better than being in the bottom half of Cornell fraternities.** By the way, note the number of fraternities that were closed by the end of 2012: seven.*

Job Vacancy #9: Webmaster & Wikipedia Editor.

Track content on the web sites associated with the Chapter and edit the many *Wikipedia* articles that connect to DX of DKE and the Chapter's alumni. This is a job that can do much to promote the Chapter's reputation. The Alumni Historian can provide a list of articles that could be usefully updated.

Job Vacancy #10: Insurance Advisor.

Monitor the various liability and property insurance provisions that apply to the Chapter and the Association. Advise the Association regarding instances of inadequate coverage. Report "what if" scenarios for personal effects being stolen or damaged, structural failure of the lodge, water damage, criminal and negligent acts by members and visitors, etc.

Naturally, every Board member with a job would be expected to report his progress in writing at least once a year before the Annual June meeting of the Association.

A well-run organization keeps its Board members occupied and busy. Think of these as opportunities. Bill

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**Summary/Abstract**

The Alumni Historian recounts activities for FY2012-13: (1) revisions and new editions of established studies, (2) distribution of new Research Notes, (3) status of the Aviators Memorial Committee, (4) status of the Clifton Beckwith Brown Tablet Committee and (5) plans for the forthcoming fiscal year. Appendices convey Chapter and Association information: A (Chapter Officers & Schedule of Charges and Utilization), B (Delta Chi Association Board Data), C (World War I Memorial Tablet Research), D (Proposed Resolutions by the Alumni Historian —CENSORED), E (Miscellaneous Data and Bibliography), F (Reviewers for the 2013 Handbook), G (IFC 2013 Fraternity Guide Excerpt, Delta Kappa Epsilon), H (Furnace Room Equipment), I (RARE Correspondence), J (DKE-DOS Correspondence) and K (Discussion of Association Reforms and Policies —ABRIDGED).

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